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SUBJECT: CLN VOA REPORTING ON KURDS.

1. OFFICIAL JUMJURRIYA ATTACKED VOA MARCH 14, FOR
DISTORING SADDAM HUSSEIN STATEMENT THAT AUTONOMY WOULD BE
WITHDRAWN IF KURDS ENGAGE IN UNLAWFUL ACTS. IN FACT SADDAM
ALSO SAID KDP WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS ALLIES IF ATTACKS OCCURED.
PROCLAMATION OF AUTONOMY NOT IN QUESTION.

2. VOA ENGLISH NEWS MARCH 14 AND 15 CONTAIN FOLLOWING FACTUAL
ERROR IIRAQI NEWS AGENCY HAD SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT GENERAL
BARZANI PRAISED AND ACCEPTED DECLARATION ISSUED SUNDAY IN
BAGHDAD GIVING LIMITED SELF RULE TO KURDICH MINORITY" AS DEPT
AWARE BARZANI HAS REFUSED BAATH PROPOSAL SINCE IT FIRST PUT
FORWARD.

3. COMMENT: KURDISH REFUSAL OF AUTONOMY LAW EXTREMELY SERIOUS
FOR REGIME. USG ALREADY SUSPECT FOR AIDING KURDS THROUGH IRAN AND
DISTORTED VOA REPORTING COULD RESULT IN STRONG PROTEST.
REQUEST VOA REPORTS BE CAREFULLY SCREENED FOR FACTUAL ACCURACY.
DEPT PASS ANKARA BEIURT MOSCOW TEHRAN AND USUN.

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